

# Heavenly Host Proclaims - 'The Christ Is Born!'



BETHLEHEM, Palestine — A band of Judean shepherds claimed to have seen the Christ Child and awaited Messiah of the Jewish people here last night. The shepherds say also that they were visited by a host of heavenly angels.

The five men testified to synagogue officials this morning that while tending their flocks on the hill east of the city an angel appeared to them, and said that they would find a Savior, Christ the Lord, in Bethlehem.

The shepherds, they reported, gave them a sign, saying, "You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Following this, according to the shepherds' testimony, the herald angel was joined by a multitude of heavenly host

praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Entering Bethlehem following the disappearance of the angel host, the shepherds say they found the infant Jesus as the angel had predicted in the stable of an inn near the outskirts of the town. With the infant was a Nazarene, Joseph, and his wife, the mother of the child, Mary.

Attempting to verify this report, commented a prominent synagogue official who withheld his name: "Everything in our sacred writings points against it," he continued.

"Isaiah has said a virgin shall conceive and bring forth," this rabbi has already taken a stand.

The official pointed out several other Biblical discrepancies between the sacred Jewish writings and the shepherds' claim that the Savior of the

world has been born, but said that the men will be questioned further.

Meanwhile, speculation on the claims of the herdsmen has spread like wildfire through this little Judean town, crowded out by the influx of citizens to Bethlehem for the census of the Roman empire ordered by Caesar Augustus.

Matthew bar Ezra, owner of the inn where Joseph and Mary stayed last night, reported that the couple left with the child early this morning, probably to seek better accommodations. Authorities have not yet been able to locate them.

In the capital city of Jerusalem King Herod disclaimed any knowledge of a Messiah. "These ignorant peasants only thought they saw these things," he said. "There is no other explanation. What could this Messiah do for our people that their king can not?"



"... the Prince of Peace."

"They said they saw..."

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## Journalism Grants May Be Obtained For Coming Term

Wartburg Press Scholarships will be made available to journalism students next semester, according to campus Publications Committee.

Criteria to be considered are overall grade point average of 2.5, active work on the staff of either the TRUMPET, Fortress or Castle. The student must at least one year of experience on one of these three publications.

Applications may be obtained from the Dean of Students office and returned to the Rev. Walter Tillmanns, chairman of the Publications Committee of Wartburg College, before Jan. 15.

Applicants will be considered on the basis of need, ability and interest. A sub-committee of the Publications Committee will submit its report at the February meeting. The committee will then make recommendations to the Scholarship Committee.

Wartburg Press Scholarships amounting to \$300 for this year were granted to the college this fall for journalism students by the Publications Board of the American Lutheran Church.

## Becker Improving Following Attack

President C. H. Becker is reported steadily improving following a heart attack two weeks ago. Hospital officials say he has shown marked improvement. He spends considerable time reading or listening to the radio.

Thursday electrocardiograph tests were taken to determine the extent of actual heart damage.

Dr. Becker is the fifth Iowa college president who has suffered from a heart ailment recently. Presidents of Drake University, State University of Iowa, Central and Cornell are now recuperating from similar attacks.

## Plans Move Ahead For Dorm, Library Christmas Fills Air As Yule Events Are Scheduled

By Betty Meyer

Snow-covered ground, neatly trimmed lamp posts and the sound of the Christmas carols floating across the campus provide the setting for the activity-filled days ahead.

Christmas season activities will begin tonight with the junior-sponsored school party to be held in the Little Theater. Highlighting a program consisting of musical numbers, the reading of the Christmas message and group carol singing will be Dr. G. J. Neumann's traditional reading of Christmas stories.

### St. Nick Expected

We are also expecting a visit from Jolly Old Saint Nick, who announced committee Chairman Valerie Goff, "and of course refreshments will be served."

Sunday evening at 8 the annual "Christmas at Wartburg" will be presented in Knights Gym. Featured in this program of songs of praise will be the Wartburg Band, Castle Singers, Knights Chorale and the Wartburg Chorale.

Lighting and stage settings are being arranged by Miss Helen Wright, Art Department, and the student art section.

Traditional Christmas candle service will be held in the Knights Gym at 7:30 Monday evening. Dr. Alfred E. Herford will be the speaker at this spiritual worship service.

### Play Tuesday

"Where Love Is" this year's Christmas play, directed by Jim Reever, senior, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday morning and at 8:30 p.m. in the Little Theater. Jon Tuhenn, who made the cast for this year's Payne play,

Basketball game, numerous dormitories, refined game and basketball studies will occupy the students Tuesday evening as they prepare to say "Good-bye" to Wartburg for the last time this year.



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS buttoned up and sang out as they visited the college community with the German classes last night singing traditional songs in German and English.

## Stage Tolstoy Play Tues.

Lois Pichelmeyer will play Ilya Crew Heads Named

Senior Gary Veldberg is in charge of lighting, while sophomores David Seifert and Betsy Foske will handle set construction and stage management. Costumes will be handled by Jan French, sophomore, and Jan Skibbe, junior. Jan Skibbe is in charge of programs and publicity. Gwenne Mueller, sophomore, will take care of props.

"The religious message of this play is appealing at all times, but particularly appropriate for this, the Christmas season," stated senior Jim Reever, director.

## Going Home!

As Christmas and Christmas break approaches, once a year, the TRUMPET is celebrating the occasion by not issuing another paper until Dec. 12, 1957.

Staff — reporters, ad staff, circulation, editorial — are gathered, however, on an important meeting Monday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Publications House.

By Harold Kurtz  
Managing Editor

With plans just about complete for the new men's dorm, campus officials are now starting a comprehensive study in planning a library.

Erection of the dorm is scheduled to commence by the fall of 1958, according to college business manager E. C. Engelsbrecht. Engelsbrecht met with campus architect Chet Woodburn and Dr. William Young, executive secretary of the Board of Higher Education, last week.

Cost of the building will be reduced from \$400,000 to \$400,000 by excluding one bay.

"I do not know what we'll do about the library," said Engelsbrecht.

Only One Wing Present  
Plans available from the American Lutheran Church will probably allow only for the first wing of a library to be constructed. Present plans call for a building with a minimum of 15,000 square feet or over twice the size of the present library.

Such a building would cost about \$200,000 to \$250,000. The building will probably be completed within two years in order to keep pace with the building-a-year program of the college.

Library Near Completion  
To be located on the site of the present trailer court, the library will be constructed so that an additional wing can be erected when the need arises. Dr. Young is investigating the problem.

Work on the current campus construction project, the wing on Central Hall, is progressing rapidly. Completion date is scheduled for June.



Engelsbrecht

# 'You Shall See His Star . . . '

"O, Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining."

Christmas season 1956 settles on Wartburg like a great soft blanket of snow. Like Wednesday's sudden white benediction of the skies, Christmas is upon us and we are not completely prepared for it.

But it is beautiful, and we glory in its beauty as we hustle about our busy tasks not quite realizing that this Christmas season, this Spring of Christmas, may vanish just as quickly as the snow.

For right now, however, we have the Christmas season and the stars so "brightly shining." Stars of love and hope and "Peace on Earth" sparkle the blue-black sky. Bright stars, big stars and stars not so big — ones that we like to think of as being very privately, very specially our own.

These bright, shining Christmas stars can trace wonderful new constellations for us if we let them. They show us a student's outstretched hand and that of a professor grasping and guiding the first.

They show us a dormitory wing, a library, a men's dormitory, out of the womb of concentrated men. They remind us of precious moments we have known this year, the feeling of excited anticipation when we arrived on campus this fall. Homecoming with its happy, hurried hours . . . the warm fellowship of

worshiping with fellow students at St. Paul's and in evening chapel . . . and many, many smaller "private" stars. They fill our sky from rim to rim.

But they are all for nothing without that one bright star that crowns the heavens with blazing majesty and proclaims to all the ages, "Christ is Born! Joy to the World!" And we know because of this — the true Spirit of Christmas — all the other stars are possible and our night is filled with light.

"O, Holy night, the stars are brightly shining . . ."

## Happy Christmas! Birthday!

President C. H. Becker, now resting comfortably in the Mercy Hospital, Waverly, has asked the TRUMPET to pass along to the Student Body and the entire Wartburg family his wishes for a "most happy Christmas and a safe trip to and from home."

We know that for Wartburg this is one of its most welcome Christmas greetings. The next TRUMPET will not be published until Jan. 12, and since Dr. Becker's birthday is Jan. 6, we would like to say on behalf of the half of the Wartburg family, "Happy Christmas to you, President Becker! Happy Christmas and Happy Birthday!"



by Bob Loslo

Looks like the TRUMPET safe driving campaign is a rousing success. Since last week not a single Wartburg student has managed to get himself killed! Atta boy, Cc, keep plugging!

And speaking of plugging, girls, you realize, of course, that the more you do for the TRUMPET the more success it's been some sort of success — the Flamen ranks have been totally depleted since last year.

Yours truly the boy Loslo looks and the Big Ten look! A few of the Devs over here look like the ones last week, and one of them is Iowa Conference look. Like the boy Leamer and his Oxford gray suit and regimental rapp for the Iowa Conference advocate has his favorite uniform — those blasted blue suits. If I have any, too! His face usually consists of something that would be better in an abstract drawing class but looks horrific around his neck.

His causal attire consists of wrinkled blue denim jeans with the flash loop on the right leg for his favorite claw hammer, a chipped, future members of America card jacket from his high school days, a comfortable pair of chinos and a few-fingered ski cap that makes him look like a beagle headed.

Every girl at Wartburg are asked us follows: In a feature article in the TRUMPET a few weeks back on what's wrong with Wartburg men, one of their big complaints was the fact that we wear jeans all the time.

Don't look an angry, girls. These same drowsy-eyed Devs had a few comments on you, too. But that's another column.

Something is wrong. According to my prediction, this now isn't due until Wednesday morning. But I guess there is one thing you can say about it — cold, isn't it?

And it's only a rumor that since the snow fell just yesterday, Ken Streck is offering a reward for anyone finding his Volvo wagon.

You still have all evening, you know, to get material in for Castle Tales. You see a senior with a worried "what am I going to get between the front and back cover" look. Look, it's editor John Poli. Hand your masterpiece over to either one of us.

## Wartburg's Week

### Give Christ As A Gift

By Valerie Johnson

Christmas . . . a time of year when the spirit of kindness and good cheer penetrates the heart of everyone, the time of year when special greetings are sent to friends long absent and baskets of food are given to the less fortunate. The greatest gift of all, however, is this yuletide season. "For to you is born this Christmass is a joyous festival of sharing happiness."

Johnson We are God's children, have day on the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This is the birthday of our Lord and Savior.

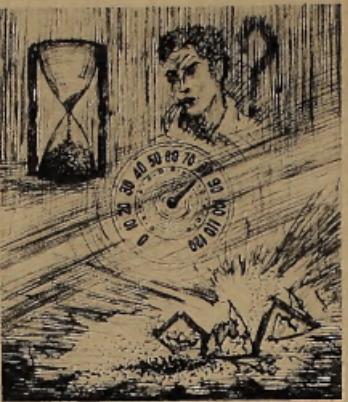
This gift is an eternal gift unlike the material ones usually valued so highly at Christmas time. Christ our Savior is our Shepherd and each day through each day of our lives, giving peace and comfort to those who seek him.

Many people will be made happy this Christmas, but theirs is not the lasting joy. Their Christmas spirit will remain only until the last gifts have been put away and the glitter and glisten of the annual Christmas tree have faded from their minds.

"Joy to the world! The Lord is come!" Their happiness is found only in knowing the love of the Christ child.

Many have not experienced this love. It is our task as children of God to share the love of God with others. We must go and tell them of our eternal gift of joy and comfort.

## 'Think . . . Is It Worth The Time?'



—by John Schmitz

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# Campaign Draws More Than \$80,000

Gifts and giving were in the news this week. From the Waverly campaign for Wartburg expansion comes news that the campaign has exceeded \$80,000.

According to the Rev. Martin Ackermann, development director, solicitors reports are still coming in. No final report will be available until the beginning of next year.

## Schield Gives \$16,000

Largest single gift was a \$16,000 grant from Schield Bantam Company of Waverly.

On the Student Body Project side, chairman Bob Mathews, states, reports over \$700 paid, with an additional \$1,500 in pledges.

Two other gifts were also received by the college this week. A \$1000 grant from the Household Finance Corporation came as Wartburg's share of a \$50,000 gift donated to 331 colleges and universities in the United States.

## WMF Grants \$1,000

The other was a \$1,000 gift by the Women's Missionary Federation of the American Lutheran Church. It will be used to furnish a room in the new wing of Centennial Hall.

Voted at the recent San Antonio convention of the group, the grant will be given in honor of Miss Dorothy Haas, national president of the WMF and recipient of an honorary degree from Wartburg.

## American Scholar To List Dr. Love

Dr. Katherine Leve, assistant professor of German at Wartburg, was selected recently as one of 100 scholars to have their biographies appear in the 1957 edition of the "Dictionary of American Scholars."

The directory, edited in connection with the American Council of Learned Societies, is an extension into the field of the humanities of the editions of the American Men of Science.

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## Situation Remains At Status Quo; Committees Probe

No change on the dancing situation was reported this week as committees continued discussing formulation of plans for the recently approved move.

This week the Student Faculty Committee met and discussed the issue. Only action of the committee was to set up a special three-man committee to make concrete proposals for future dances.

Barnett Oppermann, dean of students, reported that final plans can not be made until President C. H. Becker has recovered and is able to appear.

Oppermann's position, as expressed at the meeting of the committee, apparently favored formal dancing only.

One major stumbling block is the question of where to have the dances. According to letters received by Student Body President Don Albrecht, the only available rehearsal space at present is the choir room of the Fine Arts Center.

Tuled out in the informal discussion were the gym because of harm to the basketball floor and the cafeteria because of the possibility of damage.

The Little Theater was proposed as a site by College Chaplain Edwin Schick because it was felt that no place of worship should be used for dancing. Charles Dickson, Speech Department, and supervisor of the Little Theater building, approved dancing there, so far as his work is concerned, however.

The Student Union Council has also voted not to allow any dancing on the second floor of the union. This would exclude any spontaneous dancing in the Den or rec room.

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## Married Couples Take Contest Prize



**MARRIED COUPLES** Club received first place in the Campus Decorations Contest. Fine Arts Building, decorated by the Art Department, placed second. In third place was Government Building. The decorations were judged on originality, Christmas theme and beauty.

Judges were Gladys Skelley, of the Waverly papers; G. R. Bieman, Wartburg History Department; and John Selam, TRUMPET staff artist.

## Danforth Chapel Past, Future Wedding Site

Danforth Chapel was selected by the senior class as the site of another wedding with the senior class of another year.

On Nov. 24 Norman Scott, senior from Waterloo, and Dorrie Meek, also from Waterloo, were married there.

Daoucine Somselle, senior from Regina, Sask., Canada, will marry senior Robert Blush from Rosedale, Ill., on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. in Danforth Chapel.

Karen Detmer, senior from Kenosha, Wis., has become engaged to Wayne Wittenbarger, senior from Waverly.

No definite plans for the wedding are made.

Also recently announced is the engagement of Fredricka Dickson, Speech Department, and supervisor of the Little Theater building, approved dancing there, so far as his work is concerned, however.

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## TRUMPET POLL

# He's Nuttin' But A Dog!

By Marsh Arthur

"Poor Elvis missed his calling—he should have stayed in the truck."

"He's a bum."

"Real George." (Apparently this punster was mixed in with the Liberace Embroiders.)

These were the pointed, if not quite pertinent, remarks given by Wartburg College students in a recent TRUMPET poll which asked: "What is your opinion of Elvis Presley and rock and roll music?"

## Students Disapprove

Assuming that Wartburg College students are normal college students, one might expect that a poll of such college students as no longer in fact often visit Presley's shows. Eighty-eight per cent of Wartburg's students indicated that they did not like the songs of Presley that had swept across the nation's youth.

Among the 12 per cent who approved rock and roll music, one said, "He's a good kid—but no musician." Another retorted, "Some of his music is okay—but not him."

## Seek Preferences

In a sequel to this poll, the TRUMPET made a determined effort to find out what kind of music students liked best.

High on the list of favorite top tunes were semiclassical and popular. A wide variety of music was mentioned, but again Elvis was voted down, not one student said she or she liked his type of music best.

Classical music, including one who thinks "He's the greatest," marches and band numbers followed in that order. Low on the list was Western and swing.

Conclusion: Elvis is almost "gone."

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"The 1957 Nash is the safest car on the road today with safety belts," stated Norbert Mueller, a 1952 Wartburg graduate, now a physicist on the faculty in the Rubber Division of DuPont.

DuPont sent Mueller to all the automobile manufacturing concerns to study all makes of cars for their safety designs and features. This is a part of the DuPont safety program to study safety before the person gets behind the steering wheel.

#### Construction Adds Safety

Mueller further stated that this is true because of the type of body construction. The Nash has the "one-unit" body, not like other cars, in which the joints are welded together," he added.

When another car with a welded body type construction is in an accident, the welded joints are more liable to buckle than the corrugated body.

Another safety feature is the safety belt, similar to those used in airplanes. This prevents the person from being thrown through the windshield or out the door. Damage to eyeglasses and other injuries will also be prevented.

#### Dashboards Improved

Padded dashboards add to safety, according to Mueller, as a person thrown forward, instead of hitting the hard metal, would hit the padding. Cracked glasses and cracked objects are replaced by plastics.

Body construction plays an important role in today's cars. The better the body, the safer a person is if he happens to be in an accident.

"Even a well-constructed body will give way, though, if the driver is careless," Mueller concluded.

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#### 'Watch It' ... Oppie

"A rarity of serious types of accidents were reported over the Thanksgiving vacation in spite of the prevailing conditions," stated Ernest Opperman, dean of students. "We're thankful that in the few accidents that did occur, there were no serious injuries."

"Now that Christmas season is approaching, there are nearly three hundred cars on campus. If students would limit the use of their cars, many possible accidents would be avoided."

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## Chem Grad To Harvard

David Geiske, 1953 Wartburg graduate, has accepted a position as instructor in Analytical Chemistry at Harvard University beginning in September of 1957; it was announced this week by the Public Relations office.

Now a student at the State University of Iowa, Geiske, former student of Dr. A. W. Swenson, plans to complete the requirements for his doctor of philosophy degree next August.

Geiske was graduated summa cum laude with major in chemistry.

At SUU he received an assistantship and was also the recipient of several science scholarships.

#### Wolff Named VP Of Poetry Group

Miss Margaret Wolff, English Department, has been named area vice president of the Iowa Poetry Association by Dr. Thomas F. Dunn, head of the English Department at Berke University and president of the Iowa Poetry Association.

Her duties will be to publicize the work of the Association, plan local meetings of members, and strive to increase membership.

Miss Wolff has also been invited to serve on the faculty for the second consecutive year at the Christian Writers and Editors Conference, held at Green Lake, Wis., during the summer.

## Knight



## Clubs

#### TRIBETA TO MEET

Beta Beta Beta, honorary biology fraternity, will convene Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in room 309, Luther Hall. According to present plans, a local dentist will be asked to speak on the subject of dentistry.

#### INITIATES JOIN PBE

Two initiates were welcomed into the ranks of Pi Beta Epsilon, national honorary radio station. Tuesday evening by president Bruce Friedrich, junior.

The new members, Evon Wick, junior, and sophomore Arlo Bire were selected because of their active interest and participation in KWAK, campus FM radio station, and the radio club in general.

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#### CLUB OUTING PLANNED

Conversation Club will hold an outing at the Yellow River State Forest near McGregor in Allamakee County Jan. 26.

Members will be met there by Milo Petersen, area forester. The purpose of the trip is to learn about forest fire fighting methods and equipment. All members have been asked to attend. Costs will be shared equally.

#### CAMERA CLUB MEETS

Camera Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 301, Luther Hall. The program will be based on the topic "How to Photograph Sports Action."

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# Knights, UIU Clash Tuesday; Peacocks Seek First Victory

By Duane Boehmke

Unbeaten Wartburg plays host to an ever tough Upper Iowa five Tuesday. Both teams are seeking a first in the game. Upper Iowa wants its first win of the season, and Wartburg wants its first conference victory.

Big gun for the Peacocks, who have lost three close games this season, has been Ron Jarens, a transfer student. Jarens, 6'7" center, has been instrumental in the fine showing they have had this year to the Upper Iowa team.

Coach Everett Easchel has four returning lettermen to bolster his squad. Topping this list is Wayne Sawyer, last season's leading scorer in the Iowa Conference. Sawyer, who twisted an ankle in a previous game, is expected to be ready Tuesday. Other lettermen include Dan Paunier, 5'7" guard; Terry Stevens, 6' guard; and Jerry Waskow, 6'4" center.

Last season the Knights beat the Peacocks twice, 93-80 at Fayette and 72-71 here in Waverly.

As Bungard, making comments on the basketball circuit, attributed Wartburg's success thus far this season to an excellent defense, balanced scoring and a tough bench. Defense rebounding at center are the keys to the Knights' success. As the Knights as they begin their campaign to win the Iowa Conference championship.

## Two Tournaments Within Six Days

Immediately after Christmas the Wartburg cagers participate in two invitational tournaments within a six-day period.

Wartburg will compete with Loras, Upper Iowa and Cuyler-Schlotz (Mo.) in the Mesquite Invitational, January 10 on Dec. 29 and 30. In the second tournament Wartburg beat Knox 86-82 in the first game, but lost the championship match to Loras 86-81.

A second tournament, the Holiday Invitational, co-sponsored by Wartburg and Iowa State Teachers College on Jan. 1 and 2 is a new tournament this year. The teams involved will be Wartburg, Luther, Mankato (Minn.) State, Teachers and Iowa State Teachers.

Wartburg will host the first night of play, and ISTC the championship and consolation round. Programs will be announced later for the games, which will begin at 7:30 and at 8 p.m.



DON'T SHOVE, fellas! It's just another basket for the Knights. There are plenty more baskets left for Al Bahmann and company in this Knights Gym contest.

## Norse First Mat Meet

Competition for Knights matmen begins Saturday, Jan. 12, when the Luther Norsemen invade the mats at Knights Gymnasium. Coach Norm Johnson hopes to better last year's record of 3-2 this season.

At present Johnson is concentrating on commanding and perfection of holds for the team. He is doubtful, however, about the future performance of Knight grapplers in competition.

Arnie Fuchs considered the best man on the Wartburg wrestling team, is undefeated in dual competition. Fuchs suffered an injury in the Teachers Invitational Meet at Cedar Falls last Saturday and was unable to compete the finals.

This year's mat schedule follows:

- Jan. 12, Luther, here.
- Jan. 24, Stevens Point, here.
- Jan. 26, Augsburg, there.
- Feb. 2, Dubuque, here.
- Feb. 9, Winona, there.
- Feb. 16, South Dakota State, there.
- Feb. 21, Coe, here.
- Feb. 23, Grinnell, here.
- March 2, Loras, here.

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### Iowa Action

With some teams already establishing an league play and others ready to start next week, the Iowa Conference schools begin what is built up to be one of tightest conference races in recent years. Below are scores of the week's action.

Cor, 68; Upper Iowa, 63  
Dubuque, 66; Luther, 62  
Central, 76; Simpson, 67 (2 overtimes);  
Mankato, 56; Central, 57  
ISTC, 71; North Dakota, 48

Gridder Bob Keister is "W" Club's Athlete-of-the-Month for November. Keister follows another footballer, Arnie Brandi, who was elected the outstanding athlete for October.

Keister was the honor by virtue of his line play during this fall's grid campaign, when the 180-pound center was co-captain of the team. He led the Knights into the state in their first and successful attempt to enter the victory column.

Keister is a senior, majoring in physical education, planning coaching for a career. He played his high school football at Marion City before entering college.

Most likely place to find Keister on these winter afternoons would be in Knights Gym, behind the cage. Bob issues equipment and entertainment to the Wartburg cagers and wrestlers while carrying out his duties as student manager.

Keister is married and resides in the trailer court.

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